

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-3, 5-7 as follows. Claims 1-12 remain in the application.

1. (currently amended) A clip for securing a handle with a threaded end connector to a broom head with a longitudinal axis, said clip comprising:

(a) a unitary clip body;

(b) means to attach the body to the broom head;

(c) a handle end connector support comprising a curvilinear front surface of given dimensional thickness and an interior surface of given dimensional length extending from the front surface, the dimensional length of the interior surface being greater than the dimensional thickness of the front surface; and

(d) at least one thread located within the support extending radially inward from and along the interior surface, said support further comprising opening means to receive and threadably engage the threaded end connector, whereby when the end connector is threadably engaged in received within the opening means, it is configured to be threadably engaged with said at least one thread to immovably secure the handle is immovably secured along the longitudinal axis of the broom head.

2. (currently amended) The clip as in claim 1 wherein the ~~opening mean comprises support is~~ a ~~threaded cradle for the threadable mating of the end connector~~ comprising upstanding arms forming a partially open ring.

3. (currently amended) The clip as in claim 1 wherein the ~~opening mean support~~ comprises a closed ~~threaded~~ cylindrically shaped ring ~~for threadably mating of the end connector.~~

4. (original) The clip as in claim 1 wherein the clip is an integrally molded element.

5. (currently amended) A system for securing an elongated handle with a threaded end connector to a broom head with a longitudinal axis, said system comprising:

(a) a plurality of handle clips, each clip comprising a unitary body and means to attach the body to the broom head;

(b) one of the plurality of handle clips having opening means to receive and support the elongated body of the handle;

(c) one of the plurality of broom clips having a handle end connector support comprising a curvilinear front surface of given dimensional thickness and an interior surface of given dimensional length extending from the front surface, the dimensional length of the interior surface being greater than the dimensional thickness of the front surface; and

(d) at least one thread located within the support extending radially inward from and along the interior surface, said support further comprising second opening means to receive ~~and threadably engage~~ the threaded end connector;

whereby when the elongated body of the handle is supported in the opening means by one of the plurality of handle clips and when the end connector is received within the second opening means, the end connector is configured to be threadably engaged ~~in the second opening means of another of the plurality of broom clips,~~ with said at least one thread to immovably secure the handle is immovably secured along the longitudinal axis of the broom head.

6. (currently amended) The system as in claim 5 wherein the ~~second opening means~~ comprises support is a threaded cradle for the threadable mating of the end connector comprising upstanding arms forming a partially open ring.

7. (currently amended) The system as in claim 5 wherein the ~~second opening means~~ support comprises a closed, ~~threaded~~ cylindrically shaped ring ~~for threadable mating with the end~~ connector.

8. (original) The system as in claim 5 wherein each of the handle clips is an integrally molded element.

9. (original) The clip as in claim 1 wherein the means to attach the body to the broom head comprises downwardly extending side arms.

10. (original) The system as in claim 5 wherein the means to attach the body to the broom head comprises downwardly extending side arms.

11. (original) The clip as in claim 1 wherein the unitary clip body of the clip is made of resiliently flexible material.

12. (original) The system as in claim 5 wherein the unitary clip bodies of the clips are made of resiliently flexible material.